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SUBJECT: PROPOSED CRUISE BY SCRIPPS INSTITUTE RESEARCH VESSEL

REF: (A) CA-4447 AUG. 21, 1970 (NOTAL)

(B) RANGOON 2544 AUG. 26, 1970 (NOTAL)

1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED LETTER DATED APRIL 2 (DELAYED EN ROUTE)
FROM JAMES L. FAUGHN, STAFF OFFICER, SCRIPPS INSTITUTE OF
OCEANOGRAPHY, LA JOLLA, CALIF, CONCERNING PROPOSED CRUISE BY
SCRIPPS RESEARCH VESSEL THOMAS WASHINGTON DURING PERIOD JUNE 1973
TO MARCH 1974. WE SURMISE SIMILAR LETTERS ALSO SENT MOST INFO
ADDRESSES.

2. LETTER AND ATTACHED PROSPECTUS INDICATE SCRIPPS PLANS FOR
VESSEL TO CONDUCT GEOLOGICAL AND GEOPHYSICAL INVESTIGATIONS,
INCLUDING SEISMIC REFLECTION AND REFRACTION, ECHO SOUNDING,
DREDGING AND CORING, IN ANDAMAN SEA AND BAY OF BENGAL DURING
PERIOD OCTOBER 18- DECEMBER 3, 1973. PORT FUEL STOP AT RANGOON
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IS PLANNED ON OR ABOUT NOVEMBER 6 QTE IF THIS PROVES FEASIBLE AND PERMISSION IS GRANTED UNQTE. LETTER GIVES NO INDICATION WHETHER ANY REQUEST FOR PERMISSION HAS YET BEEN MADE. PROSPECTUS INDICATES SCRIPPS WOULD LIKE TO HAVE ON BOARD VISITING BURMESE, INDIAN, AND/ OR INDONESIAN GEOLOGISTS. LETTER CONCLUDES WITH REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON QTE LOCAL CONDITIONS AND LOGISTIC SUPPORT UNQTE. ATTACHED TRACK CHART FOR THIS EXPEDITION IS TOO SMALL SCALE TO MAKE CLEAR WHETHER ANY WORK IS TO BE CARRIED ON OVER CONTINENTAL SHELF OF BURMA AS WELL AS INDIA, THAILAND, INDONESIA AND MALAYSIA.

3. AS REFS INDICATE, SCRIPPS PLANNED SIMILAR RESEARCH PROGRAM IN BAY OF BENGAL IN 1970. EMBASSY FILES DO NOT INDICATE WHETHER WORK WAS ACTUALLY CONDUCTED, OR RESULTS OF ANY APPROACH BY SCRIPPS TO GUB FOR PERMISSION.

4. DEPT IS AWARE OF GUB PLANS TO NEGOTIATE WITH U. S. AND OTHER PETROLEUM COMPANIES ON EXPLORATION OF BURMESE SIDE OF BAY OF BENGAL, AS WELL AS BACKGROUND OF GEOPHYSICAL WORK ALREADY CARRIED OUT FOR GUB BY TWO US COMPANIES. GUB WILL DOUBTLESS SUSPECT OIL COMPANY INTEREST IN INFORMATION GATHERED BY SCRIPPS VESSEL, AND IN ANY CASE IS UNENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT RESEARCH BY FOREIGNERS IN BURMESE TERRITORY OR WATERS. WE THEREFORE CANNOT PREDICT WHAT BURMESE REACTION WILL BE TO REQUEST FOR PERMISSION FOR SCRIPPS VESSEL TO CALL AT RANGOON AND OPERATE IN BURMESE AREAS OF CONTINENTAL SHELF. HOWEVER, GUB WOULD PROBABLY BE MORE FAVORABLY DISPOSED TOWARD REQUEST BY USG ON SCRIPPS' BEHALF THAN TO APPROACH DIRECT BY SCRIPPS.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: SUGGEST DEPT CONTACT SCRIPPS (ROGER N. ANDERSON, CRUISE COORDINATOR, TEL 714-453-2000, X1093) FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON PROPOSED CRUISE, AND PROVIDE BACKGROUND INDICATED PARA 4 ABOVE. PLEASE ADVISE SOONEST IF EMBASSY SHOULD INITIATE REQUEST ON BEHALF OF SCRIPPS. IF SO, ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WILL BE NEEDED AS OUTLINED PARA 2 REF B. DECON 5/1/74. MARTIN

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